

News-item Captioned "SC Order on Public Sector Recruitment"

3814. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "SC order on public sector recruitment" appearing in the Hindustan Times of May 16, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made/propose to make any assessment of the selections made by the various public sector undertakings during the last one year in view of the said judgement of the Supreme Court;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to give any instructions/guidelines to the various Public Sector Undertakings to adopt the ruling of the Supreme Court; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (e) The said news item has come to the notice of the Government. The Managements of the Public Sector Undertakings enjoy full autonomy in the matter of recruitment for all below Board level posts. The recruitment rules are framed and procedures are set by individual enterprise for each category of post depending on the specific requirement of talents, skills and efficiency. As no uniform rules and procedures is possible for the varied type of posts in the enterprises which are operating in diverse fields, the Government do not propose to issue any general guidelines in this regard to the enterprises.

Advertisements given over Electronic Media by M/s. Bajaj Auto Ltd.

3815. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of IN-

FORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards types of advertisements being given over the electronic media by Bajaj Auto Ltd. in which the advertiser is not highlighting the quality of the product, services rendered thereon after sales; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to make the advertiser say about the quality of the products, after sale service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) An advertiser is free to design his advertisement in such manner as to promote the interest of the buyer in his goods and services. Both AIR and Doordarshan ensure that the advertisement does not violate the provisions of the Code for Commercial Advertising framed by the Government to regulate the advertisements on the electronic media.

Quality of Wheat and Rice Supplied FCI

3816. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India is supplying very cheap and degraded/low quality ration (wheat, rice etc.) to various fair price shops in Delhi for the past few months;

(b) whether authorities have not taken any action in spite of the fact that these shopkeepers have complained to them consistently;

(c) the reasons therefor and remedial steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have also seen the news-item captioned "Uchit Dar Dukano Ke Gehun Ab Jaanwaroon Ke Layak Bhi Nahin" appeared in Hindi daily Hindustan dated July 29, 1991 if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the remedial steps contemplated in this regard and ensure that good quality sugar, rice, wheat is supplied to Fair Price Shops;

(f) whether FCI is not giving full quota to these shopkeepers and many card holders do not get their quota of sugar; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken to give allotted quota of sugar to all ration card holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Food Corporation of India issues foodgrains within Prevention of Food Adulteration Act Standards and of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) to Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation, after giving an opportunity to check the quality of the items. Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation (DSCSC) supplies the items namely rice, wheat and sugar to Fair Price Shops holders at their doorsteps.

(b) and (c) Action is taken to replace bad quality items. Periodic meetings are held with officers of Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation and FCI to ensure that complaints are sorted out.

(d) Yes, Sir. Inspections revealed that two bags out of 81 qtl of wheat supplied were not of FAQ. No supplies out of these affected bags were made to consumers.

(e) FPS holders authorised by Delhi Administration can visit the godowns and check the quality of material under issue. Replacement of commodities are made wherever justified. Inspections and checking of FPS are carried by the authorities, regularly.

(f) and (g) Allocation of sugar is made by the Central Government to Delhi Administration which arranges for further distribution to consumers. PDS allocations are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the total requirements of States/UTs.

Sindri Power Plant

3817. **SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production capacity of the Sindri Thermal Power Plant has come down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to restore its normal functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for low generation of power are as follows:

(i) Captive Power Plant at Sindri is above 40 years old and has outlived its useful life.

(ii) The quality of coal supply is very poor, having ash content as high as 33-37% against requirement of coal with 18.5% ash content. The poor quality of coal lead to lower boiler output, frequent breakdowns and extensive/expansive maintenance.

(c) Various steps taken/proposed to be taken by FCI to restore its normal functioning are as follows:

(i) Revamping of the existing power plant at an investment of Rs. 10 crores.

(ii) Vigorous chasing with M/s BCL for supply of good quality of coal in adequate quantity is being done by the company.

(iii) As a long term measure, FCI has proposed to set up 2 × 19 MW Captive Power Plant at a cost of Rs. 142.64 crores.